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Sir:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the progress and state of the work under my charge as superintending architect at the Maryland Hospital.

Previous to the commencement of the work, proposals were received for furnishing the various materials and for executing the different kinds of work required; and contracts founded upon these proposals, were entered into for the Hospital, with the following persons, viz:

Samuel Brown, for pulling down, excavating, hauling and common labor work.

J. Creamer & Sons, for furnishing the lumber.

M. Warner, Jr., for furnishing the bricks.

E. A. Crummer for furnishing the lime.

Edward Green, for executing the stonework.

Deeter Barger, for executing the brickwork.

Jabez M. Gill, for executing the carpenters' work.

John J. & James Wilson, for executing the plastering.

Thomas Griffith, for furnishing the slates and slating.

All the materials were contracted for to be of the best quality of their kind, and the work to be done in the best and most substantial manner, in order to obtain that permanency and durability desirable in a public work, especially in a building devoted to the constant use and security of lunatic patients.

All the contractors have hitherto faithfully and promptly fulfilled the obligations of their contracts, the materials furnished have been of the best quality, and the work has been strongly done. Of the quantity and kinds of work executed during the past season, it will be my endeavor to give a detailed account under the following items.

The works at the Hospital have been directed to three principal points, viz:

1st. The finishing of the third story of the centre building, which has hitherto remained in an incomplete and unavailable state since its erection.

2d. The erection of the new wing, the extent and plan of which is exhibited in the drawings hereto attached, including the pulling down of the old building that occupied the site.

3d. The improving of the pleasure grounds on the south front and of the grounds surrounding the building.

In the first item, namely: the finishing of the third story of the centre building, an increased accommodation of seven rooms has been obtained, two of which are of large size, and which are con-